

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended herein. No claims have been canceled or added herein.

Therefore, claims 1-8 are under active consideration.

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MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIMS 3 AND 4

3. (Amended) The nucleoside derivatives according to claim 1 [or 2], further characterized in that R₃ is an H atom, a methyl or an ethyl group.

4. (Amended) The nucleoside derivatives according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, further characterized in that R₄ is an H atom, a nitro group or a methyl group.